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SUBJ: ECLA--REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN
IN DEVELOPMENT

1. USUN HAS LEARNED FROM UN SECT THAT THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA (ECLA) IS SCHEDULING A REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN HAVANA IN EARLY 1977 TO EVALUATE AND CONSIDER THE APPLICATION IN THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED AT THE 1975 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY) CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY.

2. THE RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD SUCH A CONFERENCE WAS MADE BY THE SEMINAR ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT HELD IN CARACAS IN EARLY 1975. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS FURTHER DISCUSSED AT THE 16TH SESSION OF ECLA IN PORT-OF-SPAIN IN MAY 1975. AT THAT TIME THE CUBAN DEL SUPPORTED THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A CONFERENCE AND OFFERED TO SERVE AS HOST. NO DECISION WAS MADE AT THAT POINT AS TO THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE. IT APPEARS THAT THE ECLA SECRETARIAT HAS MADE A DECISION AND IS PROCEEDING TO MAKE DEFINITE PLANS FOR A HAVANA CONFERENCE.

3. USUN SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT ASK EMBASSY SANTIAGO TO
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DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE ECLA SECRETARIAT IN ORDER

TO ASCERTAIN AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE THE FACTS ABOUT
HOW THE DECISION TO MEET IN HAVANA WAS TAKEN AND BY WHOM.
USUN BELIEVES SUCH A DECISION SHOULD NOT BE MADE WITHOUT
CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. AS THE
DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE CUBANS ARE EVIDENTLY ENGAGED
IN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HAVANA AS A SITE FOR INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS AND WE HAVE JUST FINISHED GRAPPLING WITH THIS
PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL
SESSION. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY SANTIAGO BE PROVIDED WITH
AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE INEVITABLE QUESTION WHETHER
US OBJECTS TO OR WOULD ATTEND A SESSION IN HAVANA.
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